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February 5, 2010

Senator Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol
Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

RE: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

The Bradley Development League, Inc. (BDL) urges the creation of the Bradley Airport Development Zone in this upcoming session of the General Assembly.


BDL is an example of a cooperative relationship among several towns to further economic development in a region. BDL is a consortium of the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks which share a common economic development engine – namely Bradley International Airport. By working together, these four towns are maximizing the economic benefits to be derived from their location surrounding the airport. The amount of new and planned-for development in the four towns is a testament to the benefits of a cooperative spirit.

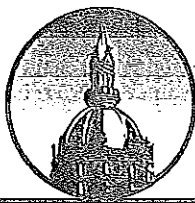
Since its formation in 1995, the BDL has actively promoted and assisted in the development and growth of business in the vicinity of Bradley Airport. It has partnered with the Department of Transportation, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Northeast Utilities, Connecticut Development Authority and the Metro Hartford Alliance (Alliance) to further important development projects. BDL was formally incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 2000, adding business representatives to the board to reflect the combined public/private nature of this endeavor.

BDL provides an extensive array of services to those companies considering relocation or expansion. The BDL will assist companies by helping them locate suitable existing or build to suit facilities, work with other Connecticut agencies to develop a comprehensive incentive package, facilitate the development of a private and/or public financing package and streamline the approval process. The League joint markets the Bradley area through attendance at trade shows, through distribution of a shared brochure, and by its website: www.bradleydevelopment.com. The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has recognized BDL for its exemplary inter-town cooperation because town officials "share information and market the area without regard to municipal boundaries."

The BDL stands ready to partner with the State of Connecticut on this important Airport Development Zone initiative

Sincerely,


James Hayden, BDL President
First Selectman, Town of East Granby



STATE SENATOR JOHN A. KISSEL

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February 11, 2010

Sen. Kissel: Bradley Development Zone Proposal Gets Public Hearing

Commerce Committee to hear testimony on SB- 107 Tuesday, February 16th at 1 p.m.

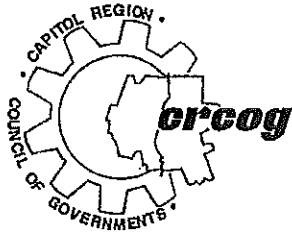
Hartford, CT - The General Assembly's Commerce Committee will be hearing testimony on SB- 107, *An Act Establishing a Bradley Development Zone* Tuesday, February 16th, at 1 p.m. If passed into law, the Bradley Development Zone will provide tax incentives to attract new businesses and expand existing ones within the communities of Windsor Locks, Suffield, East Granby, and Windsor.

"This bill is an important step toward putting Connecticut back on the path to recovery, especially in Windsor Locks, East Granby, Suffield, and Windsor, all towns that I represent," said Sen. Kissel. "Bradley International Airport is a very important part of our state's infrastructure and economy. I like to call it one of our 'Crown Jewels.' We need to be proactive and capitalize on this wonderful asset, and this proposal presents us with a chance to multiply business development in that area."

The bill, which passed the Senate last year but died on the House calendar, designates portions of the four towns surrounding Bradley Airport - Windsor Locks, Suffield, East Granby, and Windsor - as the "Bradley Airport Development Zone" and provides tax incentives for new and existing businesses. Incentives include:

- property tax exemptions to new or improved businesses with the state reimbursing the host municipality 40% of the lost revenue;
- a ten-year corporate business tax credit for businesses receiving the property tax exemption; and
- a sales tax exemption for machinery replacement costs.

"Last year Senators LeBeau, DeFronzo, Frantz and I all worked very hard on this proposal and it was unfortunate that it didn't make it out of the House," said Sen. Kissel. "I was very happy that the Commerce Committee worked so quickly to schedule this bill for a new public hearing. Senator LeBeau in particular, as co-chair of the Commerce Committee, has been a great ally and advocate for this bill. Many of us, along with House members from the affected towns, met on this in December to plan this year's legislative efforts. Four of the seven towns I represent are directly affected by this initiative, but it really will be a great jobs catalyst for all of north-central Connecticut. With so many great people pushing for this legislation I am hopeful we can pass this important bill this spring."



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The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Subject: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

On behalf of CRCOG and our past policies regarding the Bradley Airport urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the upcoming legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues. We strongly encourage you to seize this opportunity by adopting Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session of the General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort. Please contact me with any questions that you might have (860 522 2217 ext. 232).

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Wray
Executive Director



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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

Capital Workforce Partners, the workforce investment board serving 37 municipalities in North Central Connecticut, urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the current legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

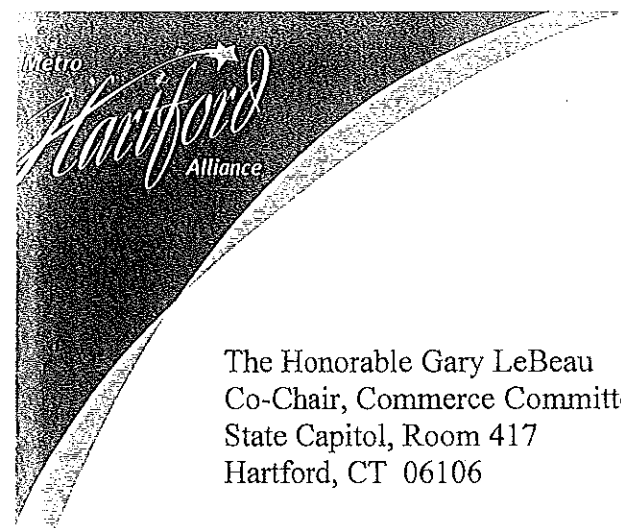
Capital Workforce Partners' mission is to leverage public and private resources to produce skilled workers for a competitive regional economy. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Bradley Airport Development Zone to fulfill that mission and impact our region's economy, growth and future.

In that regard, we encourage you and the General Assembly to adopt Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Phillips
President & CEO



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February 10, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Co-Chair, Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106

The Honorable Jeff Berger
Co-Chair, Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 110
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Representative Berger

The MetroHartford Alliance urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, but it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. Additionally, it would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

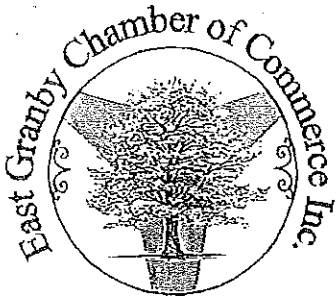
The value of Bradley International Airport as an economic driver for the Capitol region cannot be emphasized enough. In a May 2005 report, the Department of Economic and Community Development estimated that, over the next twenty years, on average, the airport will contribute more than \$34 billion in output, nearly \$11 billion in income for Connecticut's residents and sustain nearly 140,000 jobs. As an economic development organization that meets regularly with potential employers and site selectors, soliciting them to help us create jobs in this region, we can confidently say that the enviable asset of hosting New England's second largest airport surrounded by esteemed corporate partners, over 1,000 acres of undeveloped land and access to a major interstate highway system is invaluable.

We strongly encourage you to seize this opportunity to create jobs in Connecticut by proactively adopting Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session of the General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Theodore Sergi
Interim CEO
MetroHartford Alliance



January 5, 2010

State Senator Gary LeBeau
State Capitol, Room 110
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: Airport Development Zone

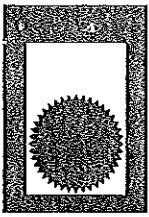
To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the East Granby Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to indicate our organization's whole-hearted support for the Bradley Development League's efforts to create an Airport Development Zone in the vicinity of Bradley International Airport. The Chamber's Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of expressing this support at our January 5, 2010 meeting. Establishment of such a zone would not only attract new business to the area, but create new opportunities for existing businesses in the towns surrounding the airport. We view Bradley as a major asset for East Granby business, and hope that the League will continue to work with the state legislators in support of this goal.

Please feel free to call on our Chamber for assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tami W. Zawistowski
President



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February 11, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc. urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the upcoming legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

We strongly encourage you to seize this opportunity by adopting Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session of the General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Denver, President
ACCGS



January 19, 2010

Senator Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol
Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

RE: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

I wanted to reach out on behalf of the Windsor Locks Chamber of Commerce to let you know that our chamber, and its members, fully supports the creation of the Bradley Airport Development Zone around Connecticut's flagship international airport.

Windsor Locks is the proud home of Bradley and many of our local businesses depend on the airport for their success. It is our strong belief that the State of Connecticut has the opportunity to provide needed tools to help attract and grow businesses around this important economic development engine. New business development will add jobs, as well as generate new state tax revenues.

As this town once thrived on the waterway, we now hope it will now thrive on the airfield. We respectfully urge the General Assembly to adopt the Airport Development Zone legislation in its upcoming session.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Jared D. Carillo, CIC

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'C' followed by a wavy line.

President



a division of Griffin Land & Nurseries, Inc.

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January 7, 2010

Re: Airport Development Zone

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Griffin Land, I am writing to indicate our organization's whole-hearted support for the Bradley Development League's efforts to create an Airport Development Zone in the vicinity of Bradley International Airport.

Griffin Land is one of Connecticut's largest private commercial/industrial property and land owners, with nearly 3,000,000 square feet of commercial and industrial buildings and 4,000 acres of land; much of which remains available for development, and all of which is located within the Bradley Airport service area. Establishment of an Airport Development Zone would not only attract new business to the area, but create new opportunities for existing businesses in the towns surrounding the airport. We view Bradley as a major asset for Griffin Land and its business tenants, and hope that the League will continue to work with the state legislators in support of this goal.

Please feel free to call me if I may be of any assistance in furthering this vital effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom Lescalleet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas M. Lescalleet
Senior Vice President



January 6, 2010

Re: Airport Development Zone

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Nufern, we are writing to indicate our organization's whole-hearted support for the Bradley Development League's efforts to create an Airport Development Zone in the vicinity of Bradley International Airport. Establishment of such a zone would not only attract new business to the area, but create new opportunities for existing businesses in the towns surrounding the airport. We view Bradley as a major asset for East Granby business, and hope that the League will continue to work with the state legislators in support of this goal.

Please feel free to call Nufern for assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,

Martin Seifert
President Nufern



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December 29, 2009

Re: Airport Development Zone

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on the behalf of the Economic Development Commission to indicate their support of the Bradley Development League continuous efforts to work with State Legislators to establish an Airport Development Zone around the Bradley International Airport. The State has often sited that Bradley International Airport is an "Economic Engine" and the establishment of an Airport Development Zone would provide incentives to encourage and attract business development in and around the airport area. This position of support was taken by a formal vote of the Economic Development Commission at their December 28th meeting, in which the Commission unanimously voted to support the Bradley Development League continuous efforts to work with State Legislators to establish an Airport Development Zone around the Bradley International Airport. For copies of the minutes for the December 28th Economic Development meeting please visit our website www.eastgranby.net.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Haynes
Director of Community Development

Cc: EDC



TOWN OF SUFFIELD

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*Economic Development
Commission*

February 2, 2010

Senator Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
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Hartford, CT 06106-1595

RE: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

The Suffield Economic Development Commission fully supports the creation of the Bradley Airport Development Zone around Connecticut's flagship international airport. Several years ago Suffield officials had the foresight of zoning hundreds of acres of land in proximity to Bradley International Airport for light industrial and office uses. This area has great development potential and the Bradley Airport Development Zone will be a major catalyst.

On the east side of Route 75 is Marketing Research Park, a new 35 acre development. The first building in MRP is a 90,000 s.f. flexspace for Marketsure and there are plans to build an additional 125,000 s.f. more for processing and office space. Marketsure is part of Windsor Marketing Group, a leading creator, designer and manufacturer of in-store sign communication programs for leading retailers nationwide. Plans for MRP include several office buildings along the Route 75 frontage. We are also seeking developers for a new industrial park known as the Bradley International Business Center. Purcell Associates has drafted a concept plan that shows 550,000 s.f. in nine buildings for light industrial, distribution and office space. The Town recently constructed a new 1,000 linear foot roadway known as Marketing Drive with associated utilities that will service the Bradley International Business Center, as well as MRP. The new roadway has already attracted a new 24,000 s.f. distribution and East Coast sales facility for Designs for Health which sells nutritional supplements. On the west side of Route 75, we have over 100 acres of developable land that abuts the State's Bradley International Airport property. The Bradley Master Plan calls for a relocation of Perimeter Road that would bring the airport's cargo facilities to the north-side of the airport. The largest private property owner in the area, Christian Brothers, is willing to work with the DOT in utilizing a portion of their land in the Perimeter Road relocation.

We urge the General Assembly to adopt the Airport Development Zone legislation in its upcoming session as it will help us to market the available land and buildings in our light industrial zone.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Howard Orr
Howard Orr
Chairman



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT BOARD
OF HAMPDEN COUNTY, INC.

Your Connection to Workforce Development

February 16, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

The Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc. urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the upcoming legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

We strongly encourage you to seize this opportunity by adopting Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session of the General Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,


John William Ward
President & CEO
Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc.